

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the**  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING**  
**2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 1-20**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**June 23, 2016**

The State Board of Education met in special session at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2016, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 10:35 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary  
Mr. Brad Clark, General Counsel

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board  
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton  
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City  
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore  
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt  
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa  
Mr. Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER  
AND  
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education special meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA  
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Superintendent Hofmeister led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Information from the State Superintendent**

Superintendent Hofmeister welcomed constituents from Grant-Goodland school district and thanked all for their support and traveling a far distance.

**LEGAL SERVICES**

**Mandatory annexation hearing of Grant-Goodland Dependent School District,  
C003, pursuant 70 O. S. § 7-101.1(B); OAC 210:1-3-2 Approved**

David Kinney, General Counsel, presented the considerations on the mandatory annexation proceedings of Grant-Goodland Dependent School District. State Department of Education teams discussed numerous scenarios, reviewed school plan comparisons; and determined to best serve the students of Grant-Goodland would be annexing to the Hugo Public School District.

**Presentation by Grant-Goodland Dependent School District and Patrons**

Laura Holmes, Legal Counsel for Grant-Goodland School District; Dennis Lee, Grant-Goodland School Board President; Rev. Larry Alberty and Kathryn Holloway, Interim Superintendent signed up to address/discuss current conditions/adjustments of the district, federal investigations/seizures, and mandatory annexation difficulties of Grant-Goodland Independent School District.

**Presentation of evidence by the State Department of Education**

Mr. Kinney said the SBEs March 24 intervention order required Grant-Goodland to provide financial data to the State Department of Education (SDE) within five days prior to presenting to the local school board. The Board Chairman, Superintendent and Legal Counsel were notified they had not complied with the state mandated order in three of the four meetings. The SDE received notices on the day of a meeting or day after and no documents were provided for review.

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The district's low cash balance was a concern, and mistakes made inputting district information into the SDE system were identified and corrected. Approximately \$85,000 in carryover is now available.

Mr. Kinney reviewed county historical data of surrounding districts within the Grant-Goodland area; and reviewed student enrollment history/trends, priority school performance, declining revenues and SDE visitations/support/findings. The revised school plan contained improvements to the original plan; however, it did not provide evidence of the five-year poor performance to show improvement going forward.

At this time there is not enough resources to continue forward even with the projected carryover. The SDE recommendation is to mandatorily annex Grant-Goodland Independent School District to the Hugo Public Schools District, and declared academically at-risk.

Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Federal Programs, addressed the school district performance levels, SDE support team assistance, capacity building/leadership, board member training/accountability,

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding federal and state authorities, criminal charge filing, bond violations, intervention timeline/compliance, success measures and at-risk school districts.

Board member Ross moved to accept the recommendation of the State Department of Education for the mandatory annexation of Grant-Goodland Independent School District, C003 to Hugo Public School District I-39. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, abstain; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Board member Ross moved to adjourn. Board member Keating seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn at 2:56 p.m.

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Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

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Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary